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CLAIMS

1. A method of assembling a book, comprising the  
2 steps of:
  - 4 (A) specifying pagination information including an  
indication of whether a page is to be selectively  
included in the book;
  - 6 (B) determining whether the page is to be assembled  
into the book based on the pagination information; and
  - 8 (C) generating page description language  
instructions for production of the book in accordance  
10 with the pagination information.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining  
2 step comprises the step of analyzing variable information  
areas of the page.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the  
2 step of analyzing press commands directed to production  
of the book to determine whether the page is to be  
4 assembled into the book.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the  
2 step of generating a pagination file having data  
representative of the pagination information.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination  
2 information includes an indication of a maximum number of  
pages for the book.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination  
2 information includes filler page information.

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7. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination  
2 information includes a specification of whether the page  
should be forced to one of a right side and a left side  
4 of the book.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the  
2 step of specifying page description language instructions  
to produce a barcode on the page.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the barcode is  
2 indicative of tracking information.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
2 generating page description language instructions  
comprises the step of generating instructions for  
4 production of page numbering information on the page.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
2 generating page description language instructions  
comprises the step of generating instructions for  
4 insertion of filler pages in accordance with the  
pagination information.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising the  
2 step of delivering the page description language  
instructions to an electronic press to print the book.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
2 specifying the pagination information comprises the step  
of providing a user interface for entry of the pagination  
4 information.